

My dear brother,

Concord May 2
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Mother returned from Leicester last Saturday - & home last night - She left all very comfortable. Mr Sewall is getting along well - The sore is nearly healed - He has some headache, & feels a little weak still - but none of the old pain, & pressure, & no tendency to effusions - He feels very happy in the confidence that, he will no longer be subject to his former attacks. He stayed at the Hospital but three weeks & a half - His & C's expenses there for every thing was but \$27.44 - a very small sum, for the attention & accommodation received - Mr G.'s uncle Cal May - insisted on defraying this charge - & some other old friends assisted him - so that this sickness has not proved any expense to him - He stayed at Eliza's a few days after leaving the 26, & visited Charles, & then returned to Leicester - He has been at home a fortnight - He has not yet preached - I have received your letter - We cannot tell at this moment when we shall come - not for the present - but shall write you - I wish very much to see you all

My dear little ones especially. - I trust your
experiment of the wheat will turn out well.
Farming seems to be the only business now
to depend upon - Mr Thorne has begun
to prepare his garden, & I have ~~been~~ been
digging the flower beds - - Henry has
left us this morning to try & obtain a school
at the Cartwood - J. has taken one in West
Raybury - Helen is in another part of R -
establishing herself in a boarding & day school.
If her health should be sufficient, she will
doubtless succeed very well - Sophia will
probably be wanted as an assistant. So
the family are all disposed of - I shall
miss these juvenile members very much,
for they are the most important part
of the establishment - E. Thorne is still
as lame, or lammer with her rheumatism.

+ A meeting was held here, to express
our indignation with regard to the treatment
of the Cherokees, & to see what could be done
about it - A petition was drawn up by

Rockwood Haer - son of the Senator - & signers
obtained - which has been sent on - I have
heard that Mr Emerson has written a very
plain letter on the subject to The President
which is to be first published in a Washington
paper - to which he has affixed his name -
It may be too late to affect any thing
for the poor Indians, but it is worth the
attempt, & will show that the people are
not all knaves. - Mrs Brooks wrote a letter
to Adams, & sent it in behalf of the ladies
Anti S. Society - Indeed she was the principal
mover in all that's been done - Mother's health
is very good - She has been troubled with colds
& most of the winter, but is now rid of them -
The scarlet fever prevails here a good deal -
Mother joins in love to you all -

Yours affectionate sister
J. -



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Mr Dennis Ward

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